

In the Specification:

Please replace the Sequence Listing filed January 3, 2003, with the Substitute Sequence Listing filed concurrently herewith.

Please replace the fourth full paragraph at page 2 with the following paragraph:

Native SPARC and a specific peptide corresponding to domain II which exhibit sequence similarity with EGF-like domains have been shown to inhibit endothelial cell proliferation [23]. However, a second peptide corresponding to another region of domain II containing the Cu²⁺ binding sequence KKGHK [SEQ ID NO:2] which promotes cell growth and angiogenesis [24] stimulated endothelial cells and fibroblast proliferation [23].